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COLD FRONT WHICH HAD EARLIERPASSED THROUGH STATES OF PANANA AND SAO PAULO (REFS A AND B) REACHED SOUTHERN MINAS GERAIS DURING NIGHT OF AUGUST 16. TEMPERATURES OF ZERO (CENTIGRADE) OR BELOW WERE REPORTED IN SEVERAL LOCATIONS IN THAT REGION. A COFFEE GROWERS' SPOKEMAN CLAIMED LOSSES COULD REACH FIFTY PERCENT. THE PRESIDENT OF THE INSTITUTO BRASILEIRO DE CAFE (IBCGL CAMILO CALAZANS, SAID BRAZIL'S COFFEE CROP LOSSES "WOULD NOT

EXCEED 20 PERCENT". THE NATIONAL MTEOROLOGICAL INSTITUTE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THIS FROST WAS SIGNIFICANTLY LESS INTENSE THANTHAT OF 1975 AND THAT THE DANGER OF MORE FREEZING TEMPERATURES FROM THIS COLD FRONT WAS ALMOST NIL.

2. WE CONTINUE TO SEEK INFORMATION DIRECTLY FROM IBC REGARDING FROST DAMAGE. HOWEVER, MANY IBC OFFICERS ARE IN THE FIELD EXAMINING DAMAGE FIRST HAND AND, THUS, ANAVAILABLE. WE EXPECT TO MEET WITH THEM UPON THEIR RETURN EARLY NEXT WEEK. DEBTER

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